

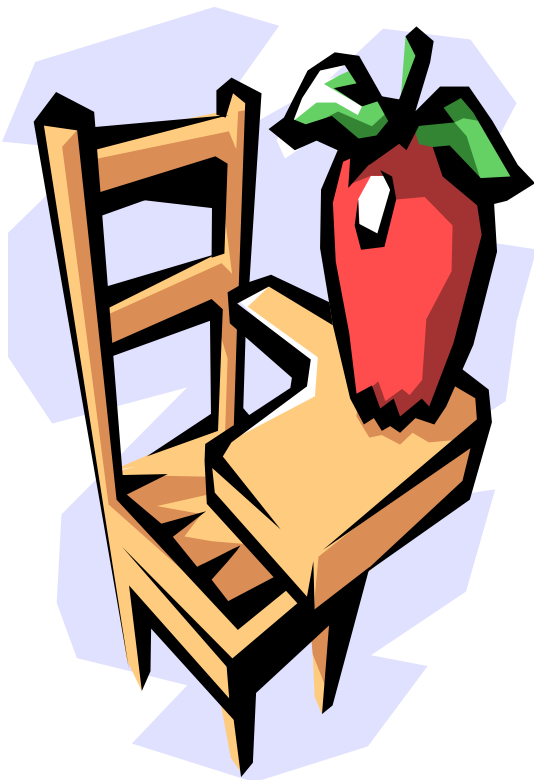
# First Grade



**First Grade Parent Handbook  
Hedgcoxe Elementary  
2009-2010**

Parents,

Welcome to Hedgcoxe First Grade. We are very excited about this year and have planned many interesting activities for your child. We hope the information in this handbook will be helpful in making this a fun and successful year.



First Grade Teachers,

Miss Bentley

Mrs. Antoniou

Miss Bryan

Mrs. Flesher

### Hedgcoxe Motto

Take care of yourself, take care of each other, take care of Hedgcoxe.

### Conference/Portfolios

The Plano Independent School District uses portfolios as a means of assessment for grades K-2. Portfolios will be shared with parents during scheduled conference times.

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held three times this school year to review your child's progress.

### Arrival/Attendance

The school is open at 7:00 A.M. for supervision of children. Breakfast is also served at this time. Students are allowed to enter the classrooms at 7:25. It is desirable for all students to be in their homeroom no later than 7:40 A.M. Arrival at school after 7:45 A.M. is a tardy, and you must check in the office for a pink tardy slip which will come home with your child. You will be notified if your child is frequently tardy, and the school will take appropriate disciplinary action. Three tardies are considered to be an unexcused absence. If you accumulate a significant amount of tardies, you may be referred to the District Truancy Officer.

### Breakfast

Breakfast will be served in the morning from 7-7:30 in the cafeteria. The cost is \$1.10 for kids and \$1.45 for adults.

### Lunch

Tickets are sold daily. Lunch is \$2.15 for students and \$2.75 for adults. Milk (.55) or juice (.50) may be purchased without lunch. Snacks are (.60) and water is (.75). You may make payments into your child's lunch account via the internet through PayPAMS which can be found at [www.pisd.edu](http://www.pisd.edu).

Please check the lunch menu daily. We have many children who do not wish to eat what has been prepared for the day and may prefer to bring a lunch from home. If you do not wish for your child to purchase a snack, please contact Myra Morales at [myra.morales@pisd.edu](mailto:myra.morales@pisd.edu). Monday will be our day for lunch visitors. Please wait outside the First Grade area for your child. Our lunch time is 12:15-12:45.

Ice cream schedule: Tuesday - Antoniou, Wednesday - Bentley, Thursday - Bryan, Friday - Flesher

\*It is helpful if your child has the exact change.

## Snacks

We will have snack time each day. Your child is allowed to bring a healthy snack to school each day (no chips, candy or cookies). The snack should be one that can be eaten in a short period of time and should not require the use of utensils. Some suggestions are:

fruit  
vegetables  
cheese  
popcorn  
crackers

Please understand that bringing a snack to school is completely voluntary.

The only drink that is allowed at snack time is water. If your child wishes to have a water bottle at school, it's helpful to have a "flip top" bottle.

## Physical Education

The children have recess and PE during the day. They will be using various forms of equipment, learning exercise drills, and playing games to develop their motor skills. In the event that your child cannot participate in PE or recess, please send a note so that he/she may be excused. As the students will be outside for many of these activities, please be sure that your child is dressed appropriately and wearing the appropriate shoes.

## Homework

It is suggested that you and your child set aside some time each night to reinforce and practice skills taught at school. **Reading Homework will be assigned daily.** We hope the following section will help you in organizing your study time.

Reading - Students will be assigned a variety of books to read throughout the year on their independent reading level. In addition, students will be checking a book out from the library weekly. We encourage you to spend about 15-20 minutes reading with your child **daily.**

Spelling/Math/Reading homework will be assigned weekly.

## Bonus Recess

First graders will have bonus recess each Friday. A child will earn bonus recess if he/she meets the following criteria:

- Daily work for the week is completed
- Homework turned in on Friday with parent signatures
- Making appropriate choices

### Sweaters and Jackets

It is often difficult to set the temperature in the classroom so that it is comfortable for everyone. It is a good idea to bring a light jacket or sweater to school for such occasions. Please label your child's clothing.

### Birthday Observance

We will be honoring each child on his/her special day. We sing "Happy Birthday" and each child will wear a birthday crown and receive a birthday pencil.

You are welcome to join your child for lunch on this day. If you would like to provide cookies or cupcakes, please make sure there are enough for every student in your child's class. We ask that you bring food that does not need to be cut, which includes cupcake cakes.

### Personal Belongings

Please label your child's personal property (i.e. - coats, lunch boxes, etc.).

Many of our students have similar coats, jackets, and lunch boxes. Labeling these items will help prevent loss or potential mix-ups. Lost and found bins are located in the hall outside the gym. Please have children leave all other personal items (i.e. - toys, stuffed animals, etc.) at home.

### Volunteers

The First Grade teachers would like to extend a special thanks to all of our parent volunteers. We really appreciate your help! We always have a need for volunteers so if you are interested, please let your child's teacher know. Please make sure you have a criminal background check on file. You can complete this online at <https://oea.pisd.edu/volunteer/>

### Classroom Interruptions

Please leave books, lunch money, notes, etc. in the office for your child and/or teacher. If you would like to speak with your child's teacher, please send a note with your child or call the school and leave a message. This will help maximize academic learning time. Thank you for your cooperation and consideration.

### Dismissal

Dismissal is at 2:45. If your child will be going home a different way, we must receive a note or message from the front office, or your child will be dismissed his/her normal way. Thank you for your help.

## Communication

We feel the communication between school and home is very important. We will be in constant communication with you via weekly e-mails, but if you should ever have any questions or concerns, please send a note in the "Go" folder, give us a call, or send us an e-mail. Please note that teachers can correspond with parents via e-mail only after parents have checked the proper box located on the emergency card. Our team is available for conference and telephone calls between 11:20 and 12:15 or 2:45 and 3:45 p.m.

Other helpful First Grade information can be found on our page on our link on the Hedgcoxe school website as well as on [mypisd.net](http://mypisd.net). When using [mypisd.net](http://mypisd.net), your child will need his/her school computer log-in and password.

Don't forget to take advantage of our campus and/or district eNewsletter. It is an excellent way to receive information about our school district. It provides important dates, school activities, and noteworthy news stories that are interesting to our Plano ISD community. Log onto this web site <http://www.pisd.edu/enews.htm> to take advantage of this additional form of communication.

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## **First Grade Special Days**

- Apple Day with Dad
- Pioneer Day
- First Grade Polar Express Day
- First Grade Program
- Field Trips - Outdoor Learning Center and the zoo

\*As these special days approach, please watch your child's Go Folder or e-mail for further information.